

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



"The Canoe Has the Kids in It"

Dear Ann Landers: I almost dropped my glasses in the coffee yesterday when I read your answer to the woman who was bothered by her husband's ex-wife. You said, "When you marry a divorced man you buy the total package." And you said she had to put up with it FOREVER yet. Are you nuts? Don't recall in MY marriage laws anything about putting up with a drunken ex-wife. My husband's first wife can't put her foot inside my home. When the kids are visiting here she doesn't even dare telephone them.

If the court can give custody to a trappy drunk, because the judge has an insane idea that kids are always better off with their mother, then let HER paddle her own canoe. — NO PATSY

Dear No Patsy: I heard from many women who screamed in unison that I must be out of my mind. But the advice stands.

I don't give a continental who did what to whom or where the blame lies. When a family breaks up it's the kids who catch it in the neck every time. Any father worthy of the name has an obligation — or should I say privilege — to share in making important decisions which involve his kids.

The number two wife can bar her predecessor from her home and hang up on her when she phones if she likes, but no power on earth can break up completely the link that binds a man to a woman who gave him children.

There may be no remaining love or respect but they share a common responsibility. This canoe that you think should be paddled by the ex usually has kids in it.

Dear Ann: I'm a high school senior and in love with my English teacher. He's a middle-aged man (about 30) married and has two children. The worst part is he doesn't even know I exist. He calls me by my older sister's name half the time. She had him for English two years ago.

Don't tell me it's just infatuation. It's real love. Next to him these high school boys look like infants. It's revolting. I've always been a good student, especially in English, but I'll be lucky to get a C. When he calls on me I panic.

How will I be able to think straight in college next year when he's in my mind constantly? Please help me. —BIT

Dear Bit: I promise you'll recover from this illness, just about the time you graduate. It's a common ailment. Almost every boy gets a mad crush on at least one teacher. And the girls — well, as you have testified, they fall, too.

Dear Ann: Since you are a Doctor of Problems perhaps you can prescribe a cure for this situation.

I'm a member of the honored profession of nursing. I belong to a club for nurses which does a terrific job of service. There are numerous members who like to be thought of as members of this society, but they refuse to do anything beyond paying dues.

They won't participate in the activities, attend meetings, go to conventions, accept committee assignments or do anything that requires work. Is it fair for them to ride the gravy train at the expense of the conscientious members? — M.W.G.

Dear M.W.G.: Every organization has its faithful and dedicated wheelhorses. They are few in number, noble in spirit, and incredibly energetic. And then — there are the other 95%.

Since you have generously bestowed upon me the title Doctor of Problems, I must sadly inform you the prognosis is "no known cure."

Are you going steady? Making marriage plans? If so, send for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "Be For You Marry—Is It Love or Sex?" enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope. (Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

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ARTISTIC DECORATIONS . . . A black and white theme has been chosen for the Women's clubs fashion show to be held at the clubhouse on March 31 at 8 p.m. White puffs of angel hair against a black background is being worked out by from left, Mmes. A. F. Felando, Jr., R. K. Petrat and A. Acampora. Tickets are now on sale and may be secured by calling Mrs. Felando or Mrs. Acampora.

Tickets On Sale

Clubs To Present 'Fashionations'

Torrance Woman's Club and the Torrance Junior Woman's Club are combining their efforts to present "Fashionations" a preview of Spring fashions to be shown by a local department store under the direction of Mrs. Ella Schwartz. The show will be held Thursday, March 31, at 8 p.m. in the Torrance Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia, and is open to the public.

Preceding the showing of the fashions, a dessert will be served, according to Mrs. A. R. Felando, Jr., chairman of the event from the Junior club.

The decorations will be done entirely in black and white, with a large black tree covered with puffs of white angel hair decorating the stage. Along with small replicas of this main decoration, the tables will also have lighted candles to add interest.

Chairman from the Senior club is Mrs. Andrew Acampora. Mrs. W. E. Starr has decorated the cleverly designed tickets, and Mmes. R. K. Petrat, J. R. Curtin and J. W. Galvin are assisting Mrs. Felando with the table and room decorations.

Serving on the hostess committee from the Seniors are Mmes. E. J. Lenk, chairman, R. C. Focha, C. E. Ackley Jr., R. N. Golden, L. W. Ballard,

Roy J. Apsey, E. G. Laughney, W. L. Tilley, Sid Gans and C. M. Wheeler. From the Juniors will be Mmes. Elgin Logsdon, chairman, Clayton Lilley, Charles Crandall, Robert Davis, L. A. Schulwitz, J. G. Louvier, W. H. Gardner, John A. Hall, Richard Oliver and C. L. Bringer.

The tickets for the show may be secured by calling Mrs. A. R. Felando or Mrs. Andrew Acampora.

Delphians Meet

"International Relations: The Ideological Background" was the topic of the March 17 meeting of the Delta Tau Delta Chapter of the Delphian Society at the Fish Shanty in Walteria. Discussion was led by Mrs. D. Bruce Robinson. Sub-topics were introduced by Mmes. Harold A. Bartlett, David F. Conklin, Vance H. Hongola, Donald Beery, and Arthur Sigman.



MRS. ROBERT LEWELLEN . . . B&PW President (Photo Arts Photo)

A Birthday

Mrs. Charles Wiley, 1006 Sartori Ave., was complimented at a birthday luncheon Wednesday given by Mrs. Ivy Thompson at the same address.

A birthday cake was the highlight of the luncheon. Attending the party were Mmes. Myrtle Sloan, Walter Reid, Gladys Olsson and Helen Shanafelt.

At Federation

Mrs. John Thuss, president of the Torrance Woman's Club, Mrs. J. P. Bay, vice president, and Mrs. Lee A. McCoy, Federation Extension chairman, attended the Parliamentary and Federation meeting at the Venice Woman's club Thursday. Mrs. Thuss and Mrs. Bay were presented their 100 per cent Federation award. Mrs. McCoy presided at the meeting.

Mrs. Lee Clotworthy Is Junior President

At the business meeting of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club held Wednesday, March 9, at 8 p.m. in the clubhouse, Mrs. Lee Clotworthy was chosen to lead the club as president for the coming year.

Mrs. Clotworthy was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota and moved to Los Angeles 20 years ago. She was graduated from Dorsey High School in Los Angeles in January, 1945.

Her husband, Lee Clotworthy, is a native of Redondo Beach and is employed as a design engineer at North American Aviation. The Clotworthys have five children, Craig, who is 14 years old, Terry 8, Ricky 7, David 4, and Nancy, who is 2.

The president-elect has been a member of Federated Women's Clubs for six years, as she was a member of the Manhattan Beach Dolphins before moving to Torrance four and one half years ago. Her activities in Torrance Juniors include one half year spent as reporter, a year as mental health chairman and two years as Americanism chairman.

Monday Evening

Torrance B&PW Club Will Install Officers

Tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Plush Horse Restaurant the Torrance Business and Professional Women's club will hold its installation dinner. Prior to the dinner a cocktail party will be held at the home of Mrs. Maxine Hahn, 320 Via Linda Vista in Hollywood Riviera. Mrs. Hahn is junior past president of the club.

Installed will be Mrs. Lucille Lewellen, president; Mrs. Florence Petroich, first vice president; Mrs. Bertha Keherer, second vice president; Mrs. Dorothy Kirkpatrick, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Rae Reinman, recording secretary; Mrs. Virginia Beck, treasurer; and Mrs. Rose Craig, auditor.

Mrs. Daisy Gilmore of the San Pedro B&PW club and Sierra Mar treasurer will conduct the installation. Special guests will be three

Club Hostess TORRANCE HERALD

Mrs. Clifford Trezise entertained her bridge club at her home, 3232 Eldorado Ave. Wednesday evening. A dessert was served, followed by the bridge games.

Mrs. Trezise's guests were Mmes. Lee Clotworthy, Robert Davis, J. G. Louvier, William Gardner, Edwin Hatter, Frank Neff, and William Bennett.

Mrs. Neff will hostess the club at its April meeting.

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June Installation

Woman's Club Elects New Officer Panel

Mrs. Roy Apsey, 5306 Halison was elected president of the Torrance Woman's club for the year 1960-61 at the meeting of the Club last Wednesday. The new president has been an active member of the Federated Women's club since 1942 having served as president of the Williamston, Mich., club which was federated in 1893. Mrs. Apsey, a native of Williamston, also served as president of the Ingham County Federation which includes Lansing, the capital city.

Mrs. Apsey came to Torrance in 1957. She has reared a family of five children and one step child. They are all married and live in Michigan except one son who is an ensign in the Navy in San Diego. She has 16 grandchildren.

A member of the Myrtle Rebekah lodge in Williamston, she served as advisor for the Theta Rho Girls club for five years. She was also president of the Blue Star Mothers.

The outdoors figures prominently in Mrs. Apsey's life, since she owns a large ranch near Lansing which has been in her family since 1852. She is a member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Apsey is employed by Douglas Aircraft Co.

Elected to serve with her were Mrs. Leonard Stamps, first vice president; Mrs. E. J. Lenk, second vice president; Mrs. R. C. Focha, third vice president; Mrs. Godfrey Nelson, recording secretary; Mrs. A. S. Moore, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Rufus Sandstrom, treasurer; Mrs. E. C. St. Amand, auditor; Mrs. A. Z. English, ways and means; Mrs. H. W. Bowman, reservations;

Mrs. Don Wolf, program chairman and Mrs. C. E. Ackley, yearbook.

These new officers will be installed in June.

A pot luck luncheon, with Mrs. C. L. Porter and Mrs. R. V. Russell in charge, was served prior to the business meeting conducted by Mrs. John Thuss, president.

Mrs. Sid Gans, membership chairman, introduced three new members and Mrs. L. A. McCoy, Federation Extension secretary, gave the highlights of the convention to be held April 7-8 at the Mira Mar hotel in Santa Monica.

Delegates to attend the convention are Mmes. Peter Boonstra, Godfrey Nelson, J. P. Bay, R. E. Moffitt and Sid Gans.

Mrs. H. F. Heinlein, program chairman, announced that on April 6 the club will hear W. E. Bowen who will give the history of Torrance.

Mrs. Godfrey Nelson reported on the success of the three-act play "The Campbells are Coming."



MRS. ROY J. APSEY . . . To Direct Club



MRS. LEE CLOTWORTHY . . . Heads Junior Club (Portrait by Seeman)

A Farewell Party For Mrs. Lasell

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lasell will leave after March 25 to make their home in Concord, Calif. Mr. Lasell has been superintendent of the U.S. Steel, Columbia - Geneva division, and was recently transferred to the Pittsburgh plant in the same capacity.

Mrs. Lasell was honored at a champagne punch bowl and handkerchief shower last Thursday afternoon given by Mrs. Don Hyde and Mrs. John Beeman at the Hyde home, 1537 El Prado Ave.

A beautiful St. Patrick's theme was carried out in the decorations. The table, covered with a green cloth was centered by an arrangement of Bells of Ireland and white camellias flanked by tapers in the branched candelabra. The St. Pat motif was also on the napkins.

Attending the party were Mmes. Al Dunlap, Baker Smith of Redondo; R. Bingham, William Boswell, John Melville, Lee McCoy, John Popovich, Carl Warner, Leonard Ensminger, George Pearson, Harlow Dotson, Delbert Thomsen, Gil Derouin, George Jungkind of Palos Verdes; John Stephens and R. Bush.

Family Party

A family birthday dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Duncan, 2077 Middlebrook Rd. last Saturday evening celebrating the birthdays of Mr. Duncan and E. J. Spooner, father of Mrs. Duncan.

After the dinner, which was climaxed with a huge decorated birthday cake, family movies were shown from the year 1943 through recent trips made by the family.

Attending the dinner were Mrs. E. J. Spooner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ashley, Chuck Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kupper and Terry and Mark, and a grandmother Mrs. T. Grove.

Cabin Guests

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Osborne, 3026 Torrance Blvd., spent a recent three days at their cabin at Idlywild. Their guests during this time were Mr. and Mrs. B. Tomasich and children, Carol, Jay and Timmy, of Wilmington.

Polio Clinic Set March 22

Howard Wood PTA, cooperating with the National Foundation March of Dimes, is sponsoring a polio clinic Tuesday, March 22, and again on Tuesday, April 19, in the cafeteria of Howard Wood school, 2250 W. 235th St., from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. both days. The inoculation can serve as any one of the four necessary for protection.

There is a single inoculation fee and a family plan.

All ages from three months can accept this opportunity. No shots will be given to anyone with a cold or fever. All unmarried persons under 21 not in the armed services must have a consent slip signed by a parent or guardian.

It is requested that all children be accompanied by an adult. The third inoculation, to follow seven months to a year between the first and second, will also be available.

Honor Guests

Mr. and Mrs. M. Checkwith of Winnipeg, Canada, were honored guests at a party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Boyko, 18702 Cerise Ave. on Saturday, March 12.

Refreshments were served at a table centered by a decorated cake welcoming the visitors to California.

Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Bromley of Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. George Melvin of La Crescenta, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Checkwood of Anaheim.

Lioness

Torrance Lioness club held its social meeting last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Ernest Harris, 169 Vista del Parque.

Court Wisk was played during the evening and the hostess served refreshments.

A business meeting will be held April 5 at the home of Mrs. Mott Farrell, 2402 Apple Ave.